

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

1. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, was published in The Record and The Star Ledger on January 9, 2015, was posted on the Municipal Clerk’s bulletin board and has remained posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Glidden invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

- Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.
- Councilpersons David Barad, Alissa Latner, Robert Di Dio, Thomas Hennessey, Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai
- Borough Administrator, Jonathan M. DeJoseph
- Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
- Deputy Borough Clerk, Arlene M. Corvelli
- Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
- Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

The following persons were absent:

- Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano

4. APPOINTMENTS

(Not made at the Reorganization Meeting held 1/5/15): Mayor Glidden made the following appointments:

Mayor Glidden noted that the COAH Planner and the Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan Professional Service Positions may need to be re-advertised.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
COAH Planner	<u>Michael G. Hakim</u> <u>Hakim Associates</u>	<u>Potential Re-RFP</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
*Environmental Commission				
Member/ Council Member/Liaison	<u>John Kashwick</u>	<u>Thomas Hennessey</u>	3 Years	31-Dec-17
Associate Member	<u>Arthur Goldberg</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Associate Member	<u>Sivert Hagen</u>	<u>Sivert Hagen</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Improvement Commission				
Member/ Historic Preservation Liaison	<u>Susan McTigue</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years Unexp (McTigue)	31-Dec-15
Member	<u>Eli Nachmany</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	2 Years	31-Dec-16
Municipal Court				
Deputy Court Administrator	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
Planner to Implement Portions of the 2008 Master Plan	<u>Francis J. Banisch, III</u> <u>Banisch Associates,</u> <u>Inc.</u>	<u>Potential Re-RFP</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15
*Shade Tree Commission				
Alternate No. 2	<u>(Vacant)</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	4 Years Unexp. (P. Ix)	31-Dec-15
Treasurer	<u>VACANT</u>	<u>No Appointment</u>	1 Year	31-Dec-15

* *MAYORAL APPOINTMENT*

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Mayor Glidden announced a change in the membership of the DPW Committee that would include the appointment of Councilman Di Dio in place of Councilwoman Amitai. No objections were expressed by Council members.

Mayor Glidden asked for appointment suggestions, in the spirit of volunteerism, for the open Board and Commission positions.

5a. VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item Nos. 6 and 18 was made by Councilwoman Latner, seconded by Councilman Dolson and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

RESOLUTIONS

6. ~~RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER AND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND MIELE SANITATION FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS (Received from Borough Attorney 1/12/15)~~

Carol Olsson, 215 Irving Avenue, gave background of the Ad Hoc Committee for the benefit of Borough Administrator. He said that he had discussed the numbers and analysis with the Borough Attorney and had reviewed memos from the Borough Attorney to the Committee chairman relative to the Host Community Benefit and the Solid Waste analysis. At this point in time he did not understand what was contained in the resolution on the Agenda.

Borough Attorney said that the resolution renews the current contract with Miele Sanitation which firm the Borough has used since 2003. In exchange for the Borough not receiving 50 cents per ton, it was agreed that Miele Sanitation would pick up recycling town wide at a value of \$21,000. In answer to Mr. Olsson, Borough Administrator said that he had read the report and discussed same with the Borough Attorney. Mr. Olsson cited the Borough Attorney's memos and said that many things contained therein were inconsistent, inaccurate and wrong. He expressed strong disagreement with the values contained in the memos relative to the Borough of Fairview. Borough Attorney noted that the values were obtained directly from the Borough of Fairview; and the contract does not indicate how the number was broken down; but the number is broken down by 50 cents per ton; and in exchange, they were allowed to increase their tonnage. In answer to Mr. Olsson, Councilman Dolson said that the tipping fee is not the same as the host community fee, which is generated by the number of tons that go through the transfer station, which the Borough is waiving. Mr. Olsson cited the Hillsdale contract and the Borough Administrator noted that the Hillsdale Transfer Station is closed; therefore, Hillsdale is receiving a zero dollar benefit and all the garbage now goes to Fairview. Mr. Olsson noted that there is no historical data available on tonnage in the Borough; and Councilman Dolson noted that the tonnage amount in Hillsdale is 10 times that of Closter. Mr. Olsson strongly disagreed with the mathematics presented by the Borough Attorney; and Councilwoman Latner said that as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee, progress was made in getting the second pick up of recycling each month; and she respected the research done by the Borough Attorney.

Borough Attorney said that the community wants the Borough to continue doing our own garbage collection and same must be dumped somewhere which is where the dumping fees come in. Miele has currently reduced his fees from \$74 to \$70 per ton in early 2014 as a result of the committee addressing this matter. The current contract has expired and Miele has agreed to maintain the \$70 per ton; and after review, the closest and cheapest alternative place for Closter to bring the garbage was Totowa at \$65 per ton. This would save \$5 a ton but Closter would lose men and time to transport the garbage in addition to added wear and tear on the equipment. These statistics were obtained from the Superintendent of Public Works. The Borough advertised for bids in March and July of 2014 and no bids were received.

Mr. Olsson again expressed disagreement with the numbers presented by the Borough Attorney and Borough Attorney explained the rationale that he used to determine the values. He also noted that Fairview tried to get the same contract as Hillsdale but was told that same was unattainable. Borough Attorney said he would be happy to meet with Mr. Olsson to review the numbers. Mr. Olsson suggested a shorter term for a new contract to provide a more extensive review; and Borough Attorney noted that the Borough has done a one-year contract each of the last three years in addition to going out to bid six times with no bids being received. Mayor Glidden thanked Mr. Olsson for his work on the committee.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL TESTING AND CONTINUE MONITORING WELLS AT THE CLOSTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,900.00 (Received from Borough Attorney 1/20/15)

In answer to Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, Borough Engineer said if the wells test clean during this next round of sampling, then there is a possibility an NFA (No Further Action letter) may be issued by the DEP; and the cost indicated in the resolution is for the next round of sampling.

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8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013 & 2014: REUTEN ASSOCIATES (239 HERBERT AVENUE, 3-4 REUTEN DRIVE, 10 REUTEN DRIVE, 81 RUCKMAN ROAD) V. CLOSTER (Received from Borough Attorney 1/7/15/TCFO 1/20/15)
9. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL FOR THE YEAR 2013: TOMAY & JOSEPHINE KALABALIK (323 HOMANS AVENUE) V. CLOSTER (Received from Borough Attorney 1/20/15)
10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TROY & BANKS TO AUDIT UTILITY BILLS (Received from Administrator 1/20/15)
11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FOR A PERIOD FROM 1/28/15 TO 12/31/15 (Received from Administrator 1/20/15)
12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER TO PARTICIPATE IN A MUTUAL AID PLAN AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE BERGEN COUNTY POLICE CHIEF’S ASSOCIATION (Received from Administrator 1/12/15)
13. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL FOR THE YEAR 2014: MOCHKAROV V. CLOSTER (25 WAINWRIGHT AVENUE) (Received from Borough Attorney 1/21/15)
14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ENTERING INTO THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #2S0CCP EFFECTIVE 2/1/15 TO THE PERIOD ENDING 12/31/18 (Received from Administrator 1/22/15)
15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AN ALARM FOR THE INTERIOR RENOVATIONS PROJECT FROM J & B LOCK AND ALARM, INC., N.J. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,637.00 (Received from Administrator 1/22/15)
16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 FOR POLICE PATROL VEHICLES AND ALL ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS: (Received from Administrator 1/22/15)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Commodity/Service & Amount</u>	<u>State Contract#</u>
Winner Ford	(2) Ford Police Interceptor SUV @ \$26,946.60 ea.	A-82925
Mobile-Vision Inc.	(2) Flashback 3 Digital Video System @ \$5,198.70 ea.	A-81311
Motorola Mfgs.	(2) Mobile Radios @ \$3,226.30 ea.	A-83909
Gold Type Bus. Machines	(1) Panasonic Toughbook Laptop @ \$1,893.43	A-75583
East Cost Emergency Lighting	(1) Emergency Lighting @ \$9,768.68	A-81336
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17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE (Received from Administrator 1/22/15)
- ~~18.~~ RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE VEHICLES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Received from Administrator 1/22/15)

Councilman Barad questioned the wording of the second paragraph of the resolution. Borough Administrator clarified the wording noting that this resolution is in addition to the Temporary Budget adopted at the Reorganization Meeting. He cited the law governing emergency temporary appropriations requirement. Councilman Dolson noted basically the funding under the Temporary Budget is ¼ of the expenses of the Borough for the year and needed to run the Borough for the first 3 months of the year. Borough Attorney suggested a change of the word resolution to appropriation in the second paragraph. The resolution was removed from the Consent Agenda for a two thirds majority vote.
19. RESOLUTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BOROUGH’S ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ATTORNEY AND TO PURSUE A “FAIR AND OPEN” PROCESS IN AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (Received from Borough Attorney 1/23/15)

MOTIONS

20. MOTION GRANTING APPROVAL FOR ISSUANCE BY POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS LICENSE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 PER BOROUGH CODE CH. 127 (Received from Chief of Police 1/21/15):

- 1) PERMIT NO 2015-001 – FOR ANDREW G. MALAFIS, 638 WILDWOOD ROAD, NORTHVALE, NJ 07647, TO OPERATE CATERING TRUCK FOR SALE OF COFFEE, SODAS, SANDWICHES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

21. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: (Distributed 1/22/15):

- a. REGULAR MEETING HELD 1/14/15 (ABSTENTION: AMITAI)
- b. WORK SESSION HELD 1/14/15 (ABSTENTION: AMITAI)

22. REPORTS

(None at the time of preparation of this Agenda)

5b. VOTE ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF THE SOLID WASTE TRANSFER AND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND MIELE SANITATION FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS (Received from Borough Attorney 1/12/15)

In answer to Councilwoman Amitai, Borough Attorney said that the resolution would authorize the renewal of the contract. Mayor Glidden said he would expect the Borough Attorney to meet with Mr. Olsson before the contract is signed. Borough Attorney suggested that paragraph 2, indicating authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement, be eliminated and instead only authorize preparation of the agreement by the Borough Attorney. Mr. Rogan added that the agreement would be ready for signature at the next meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Latner, seconded by Councilman Di Dio to adopt the resolution, as amended, to delete Paragraph 2 and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE VEHICLES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Received from Administrator 1/22/15)

Motion of approval was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

23. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER, PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (a)
(Subject to 5-minute limit per By-Laws General Rule No.11)

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, referred to the transfer station, and suggested prohibiting Miele vehicles from going through the downtown area inasmuch as there are other accesses. He referred to Rails to Trails and questioned why we cannot get CSX to give us that section of the rails and noting that two businesses in town Dykes Lumber and Miele Sanitation are still wanted to use the rails. The amount of tonnage going through the town will increase dramatically if Miele is allowed to truck the garbage out on rail cars. All garbage will have to go to Closter to be loaded onto train cars to go out and our tipping fees will go up. Borough Attorney said that Miele Sanitation is limited to 140 tons per day and an increase would be the subject of hearings. Councilman Barad cited the tonnage from 2013 and 2014 which indicated a reduction in tonnage which he believed is due to the extra recycling pick up thereby saving us in tipping fees. Councilman Dolson noted that Capital Hardware had moved to its location because of possible usage of the railhead. Borough Engineer noted that sections of tracks have long been removed and the line has been abandoned for some time.

24. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY

24a. Motion approving the following Resolution at 9:00 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Latner, seconded by Councilman Di Dio and declared carried by Mayor Glidden upon the affirmative vote of Councilpersons Barad, Latner, Di Dio, Hennessey, Dolson and Amitai.

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OMNIBUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION authorizing the governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from the next portion of the meeting in order to permit the governing body to discuss per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4), “A collective bargaining agreement”; N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(7), “Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations”; and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8); “A matter involving public employees; and that the items under discussion in the closed meeting would be disclosed to the public at the conclusion of the matters which should be within 6 to 8 weeks.

Mayor Glidden resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. and requested a motion to adjourn.

25. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by Councilman Barad, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
February 5, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
February 11, 2015

Loretta Castano, RMC
Borough Clerk

Prepared by Carol A. Kroepke, RMC
utilizing recording and Deputy Borough Clerk's
notes

Approved at the Regular Meeting held February 11, 2015
Consent Agenda Item No. 16a

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WORK SESSION NOTES – JANUARY 28, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter held a Work Session on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Mayor Glidden called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Glidden invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PROVISIONS OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

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3. ROLL CALL

The following persons were present:

Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr.
Councilpersons David Barad (7:44 p.m.), Alissa Latner, Robert Di Dio,
Thomas Hennessey, Arthur Dolson and Victoria Amitai
Borough Administrator, Jonathan M. DeJoseph
Borough Attorney, Edward T. Rogan
Deputy Borough Clerk, Arlene M. Corvelli
Borough Engineer, Nick DeNicola
Chief of Police, Dennis Kaine

The following persons were absent:

Borough Clerk, Loretta Castano

At this time, Mayor Glidden invited the Boy Scout Webelos II Den to come to the dais as they had a project to find out what local governments do. Mayor Glidden explained the function of the Governing Body and presented the following scouts with Certificates of Youth Achievement and read same into the record: Charlie Nyfenger, Justin Quintero, Daniel Bhagat, Kevin Basmadjian (not present), Cole Veras, Matthew Kim (not present) and Joshua Meinenger. The Council and public offered a round of applause and the Mayor invited them to stay and learn.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNICATION ITEMS

a. MAIL LIST OF JANUARY 15, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item Nos. 11 and 18 were removed by Councilman Hennessey. Item No. 2 was removed by Deputy Borough Clerk.

Item No. 11: Received 01/13/15, dated 01/13/15 from Gary Montroy, Construction Official re Code Enforcement Regulations – request for consideration of adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (2009 Edition) to replace Borough Code Chapter 147

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Councilman Hennessey questioned this item. Councilman Dolson explained there were discussions regarding same a year and a half or so ago; and the Ordinance Committee considered it and reviewed it, but ultimately it was decided it was not practical at that time to include in the code. He voiced his understanding that although not present at this time, Councilman Barad would be able to address this appropriately. Councilman Hennessey asked if the specifics of this proposed code were presented to compare in relation to the current code. Councilman Dolson said he recommended it on behalf of the Zoning Board of Adjustment because the chapter it relates to zones and their subdivisions and they requested it be incorporated into the Borough Code. There had been some question about the dating and the version; and that was part of the reason that it was not incorporated at that time. Councilman Hennessey suggested at the next Ordinance Committee meeting, they should review this information; and Borough Attorney informed it is already on their next agenda. Councilwoman Amitai questioned if Councilman Hennessey had an opinion on this; and he said not at this time because he would like to see the differences first.

Item No. 18: Received 01/14/15 @ 8:18 p.m., dated No Date, Petition submitted to Mayor and Council by Yonca Bickici, 581 High Street re “Harley’s Petition (approximately 116 names) to lower the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH located between Piermont rd and Closter Dock Road”

Councilman Hennessey reported he contacted the Bergen County Highway Department and they indicated they would be willing to conduct a survey and make a recommendation on this based on a letter of request from either the Mayor or Chief of Police. Mayor Glidden reminded that in prior conversations, Councilman Hennessey had suggested a traffic study; and Chief Kaine informed that due to the snow, they had not been able to do so. In answer to Councilman Hennessey, Mayor Glidden said he would gladly write the letter to request a traffic study. Councilman Hennessey noted he had email conversations with Nancy Dorges at the County; and said he would forward copies of same to the Mayor. He explained he drove down the street recently and feels that sidewalks would be a good thing on the north side of the street.

Item No. 2: Received 01/09/15, dated 01/09/15 from Coleen P. Zdziarski, Paralegal, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. to Bergen County Clerk, Elections Division and Municipal Clerks in Northern Valley; c: Closter, Demarest, Harrington Park, Haworth, Northvale, Norwood, and Old Tappan Clerks re Copy of letter to County Clerk, Bergen County Board of Elections, Supt. of Elections, Commissioner of Registration, Interim Executive Bergen County Supt. of Schools and Chief of Staff, NJ Department of Education to Board of Education of the Northern Valley Regional High School District Special School District Election to be held Tuesday, 3/10/15, re proposed school facilities renovation project (Copy to Borough Attorney)

Deputy Borough Clerk explained this was a letter to inform the Northern Valley Regional High School will be holding a Special School Election for a referendum which will be held on 3/10/15 and said more information will be forthcoming but it has been referred to the Borough Attorney.

Councilwoman Latner explained there will be a School Board meeting next Monday because the one scheduled for this week was cancelled due to the snow; and she plans on attending. She voiced her understanding that the Mayor of Old Tappan had sent a letter to the Board requesting additional information as to what is contained in the referendum. Councilwoman Latner had previously attended some meetings that Mayor Emeritus Heymann was unable to attend and said she believes she has a better understanding on the referendum this time around. She voiced her understanding there will be no turf fields and will mainly be building and HVAC upgrades and they want to take advantage of the low bond interest rates. She reminded that last time we did try to request additional information from the School Board but never received a response. Councilwoman Latner said she feels comfortable that

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Interim Superintendent Larry Hughes has been more upfront and she believes they will get us the requested information.

b. MAIL LIST OF JANUARY 22, 2015 - Mayor Glidden asked if any member of the Council wished to address any matter or provide any comments. Item No. 6 was removed by Councilman Hennessey.

Item No. 6: Received 01/19/15, dated 01/19/15 from Brenda Cummings, to mayor@closternj.us re Town Clean-Up, Earth Fair and Tenakill Green Team; letter informing of suggestions for upcoming Green Team Activities

Councilman Hennessey noted two dates are being considered for Closter Clean-Up Day and said he was not really sure of who would make that final decision; and asked Steve Isaacson, Environmental Commission Member, if he had any information regarding same.

Steve Isaacson (97 Columbus Avenue) informed Brenda Cummings and the Green Team handle this event and he thinks they were going to request the placement of the trash bags in front of Borough Hall as they do every year.

Councilwoman Latner voiced her understanding that the first date is prior to Spring Break and the second is just after. She said they are trying to determine which will have a better turnout because many residents may be out of town for Spring Break. Mr. Isaacson offered to look into same and report back. Borough Administrator informed he is looking into Clean Communities for a mini-grant in the approximate amount of \$300 to help sponsor the cleanup.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FROM REGULAR MEETING
(Refer to Regular Meeting Agenda of January 28, 2015)

Mayor Glidden asked if anyone wished to remove any items for discussion at this time. No one wished to remove any items for discussion.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY - HENNESSEY (DOLSON/DI DIO)

1) STATUS REPORT RE CLOSTER WEBSITE – Councilman Hennessey reported the Finance and Technology Committee did not meet this month and they will schedule to meet next month. Mr. Hennessey asked if the Mayor has been in touch with Kevin Whitney (IT Coordinator) regarding the information he had requested. Mayor Glidden informed he has been and said a lot of information has been updated including Council bios; and asked that if anyone has not yet submitted them, to please do so. Councilwoman Latner expressed her gratitude to Kevin Whitney saying he is amazing because as soon as they ask for information, it goes up almost immediately. Mayor Glidden reported some new information including a new Mayor’s column and his intentions of updating the mission statement. He expressed concern that membership for Board and Commissions needs to be updated; and said there are other parts of the website need to be looked at and made more efficient. He voiced his opinion that Kevin is doing a great job and urged the Council to visit the website occasionally to review for improvements because it could have more information and could be more functional. Mayor Glidden invited comments from the Council and public to himself, a Council member or the Administrator.

2) REPORT

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - DOLSON (AMITAI/LATNER)

1) REPORT – Councilman Dolson informed he had no report this evening and requested a Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations.

C. PUBLIC WORKS - LATNER (HENNESSEY/AMITAI)

1) REPORT – Councilwoman Latner noted she spoke to the Mayor earlier in regards to the membership of the Public Works Committee and explained the Committee will be comprised of herself, Councilman Hennessey, and Councilman Di Dio in place of Councilwoman Amitai. She did send out an email with proposed meeting dates. Mrs. Latner thanked the DPW for their efforts during the storm that wasn't quite and said by 10 a.m., almost all County roads were plowed to blacktop and local roads were plowed. All Borough buildings and sidewalks were cleared; and she commended their efforts. Mrs. Latner reported at the last DPW Committee meeting earlier this month, the Superintendent of Public Works had presented a survey on tonnage that she did circulate. It shows how tonnage has decreased using Miele between 2006 and 2014. In 2006, we were picking up 4,100 tons of garbage and at the end of 2014 2,808 tons were being picked up so it shows a clear demonstration of all the recycling being done. She reported spending went from \$303,000 to \$196,000.

Councilwoman Latner noted the Mayor is a huge supporter of shared services and noted the Haworth Public Library is closed from 1/12/15 to 1/31/15 so they will be utilizing the Closter Library for that period of time. She voiced her opinion this is a great opportunity for shared services; and said the Library is being put to good use. In answer to Mayor Glidden, she informed it is a goodwill gesture and that what you put forth comes back. She reminded that when our Library was closed for renovations several years ago, we had to rent space in town and it was not quite as convenient as having the use of an existing library. Mrs. Latner wanted to remind everyone that BCCLS is adding software called Hoopla to the databases which will allow you to download movies and music for free up to 10 a month.

Councilwoman Latner reminded the Northern Valley Board of Education meeting earlier this week was cancelled and said they will be discussing the results of the Pride Survey at the rescheduled meeting. She congratulated the NVD Women's State Champion Volleyball team and said NVD and NVOT won the sectional champion volleyball. The Technology Committee will be reporting on the 1:1 Initiative laptop program.

Mrs. Latner wished to remind all that there is an event scheduled this Saturday, 1/31/15, to honor former Mayor Sophie Heymann and all of her years of service and volunteerism to the Borough at MS Dance Studio next to Buon Gusto. The invitation is on the website and the event will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Councilwoman Latner voiced her opinion that Sophie Heymann is an incredible example of what somebody can do to serve their community. Mayor Glidden urged everyone to come celebrate.

D. ORDINANCES - BARAD (HENNESSEY/DI DIO)

1) REPORT RE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Barad reported the Ordinance Committee has not met this year but they will be scheduling a meeting for February.

2) REPORT – Councilman Barad wanted to remind the Governing Body that the Ambulance Corps will be holding their dinner on 2/7/15. Mayor Glidden noted what a great time he had at the Fire Department Installation Dinner last weekend.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES - DI DIO (LATNER/DOLSON)

1) REPORT RE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Councilman Di Dio reported the Human Resources Committee did not meet this month but will be meeting shortly.

2) REPORT – Mr. Di Dio reported that, as the Liaison to the Closter Board of Education, he attended a few meetings; and Mr. Lin was nominated President and Ms. Ginsberg as Vice President.

F. LAND USE AND CONSTRUCTION – AMITAI (BARAD/DOLSON)

1) REPORT RE STATUS OF DISCUSSION IN SUBCOMMITTEE RE CHANGE IN ZONE 5 (Requested by Mayor Heymann WS 8/13/14) – No report.

2) REPORT – Councilwoman Amitai reported she was away for part of the month but there is a Building Department meeting scheduled for next Monday.

Mrs. Amitai noted the Improvement Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday was cancelled due to the building being closed; and informed she had no report for the Planning Board as they will be meeting tomorrow night.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION RE 5310 GRANT APPLICATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), ADMINISTERED BY NJ TRANSIT (Requested by Mayor 1/22/15)

Borough Administrator reported on a grant application through the Federal Transit Administration for capital expenses for a senior/disabled van plus partial operating costs of same. To make the application stronger, a shared service should be included. He said he had discussed same with the administrator of a neighboring municipality and Mayor Glidden would be reaching out to the mayor of that municipality to determine interest. Since it is difficult to get the County up here, it would benefit our community to have our own. Councilman Barad voiced concern that if the grant was short term, it would mean necessitating a replacement of the funding.

9. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY MATTER PER NJSA 10:4-12(A) (SUBJECT TO A 5-MINUTE LIMIT PER GENERAL RULE NUMBER 11) EXCEPT FOR ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AT THE REGULAR MEETING

Steve Isaacson, 97 Columbus Avenue, cited the speed limit of 25 mph on High Street (County Road 104) and Livingston Avenue (County Road 503) in a heavy residential area; and he felt the Borough should petition the County to lower the speed limit on Blanch Avenue. Mayor Glidden said it is out of the Borough's control but he would send a letter to the County on same. Mr. Isaacson cited the lack to snow removal on the sidewalks along certain Durie Avenue properties and noted that the law on snow removal is not being enforced. He cited State Emergency dictates a 6 hour snow removal mandate. He referred to the lack of response by the dispatcher when he called to report the lack of snow removal; and expressed concern about the dispatcher's lack of knowledge of the Borough. He voiced his overall dissatisfaction with the County dispatch center saying those people have no idea about Closter and don't express the same concern as when we had our own dispatch. Mr. Isaacson noted that the DPW did a good job. Borough Administrator noted that the Borough does not own the Lustron House as yet but he did request the DPW to clear the sidewalks now and in the future. He said he would address this

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problem. Mr. Isaacson said that a listing of those seniors that cannot shovel the sidewalks, mainly the elderly, should be prepared; and the DPW should perform the task for them saying it would be good PR for Closter; and those residents would be most appreciative. Mayor Glidden said he would look into the matter.

- 10. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, IF APPROPRIATE
- 11. ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Work Session at 8:05 p.m. was made by Councilman Dolson, seconded by Councilwoman Latner and declared unanimously carried by Mayor Glidden.

Provided to the Mayor and Council on
February 5, 2015 for approval at the
Regular Meeting to be held
February 11, 2015.

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